

[characterized in that] wherein the components exhibit honeycomb or concentric ring structures.

9. (Once Amended) Tubular reactor [(2)] as set forth in claim 8, [characterized in that] wherein the components [(84)] are covered, at least on the side opposite the tube plate [(4)] on the gas inlet side[, and preferably sealed].

Please add the following new claims:

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-- ~~18~~. Tubular reactor as set forth in claim 9, wherein the components are sealed on the side opposite the tube plate on the gas inlet side.

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~~11~~. Tubular reactor as set forth in claim 1, wherein the heat insulation zone is limited to the edge area of the tube plate on the gas inlet side. --

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE attached herewith on a separate sheet.

R E M A R K S

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to place the specification and claims in proper form under United States